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APPLICANT : Kimle, et al.  
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TITLE : METHOD OF ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND  
MANAGING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTRACTS  
Grp./A.U. : 3624  
Examiner : Kyle, C.  
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In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

**A. Overview**

On May 8, 2002, Applicant submitted a Request for Continued Prosecution of the present application. The request included a supplemental declaration on the issue of diligence, and a request that the arguments set forth in Applicant's responses of February

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